



Louisiana

Hammond Bombing and Gunnery Range

Facility and Location

Hammond Bombing and Gunnery Range (BGR) was acquired in 1942 by condemnation. It was constructed to provide gunnery, rocket, and bombing practice for pilots deploying overseas. The range was used from August 1942 to September 1945. The total size of the site was 15,215 acres. The sizes of the areas are based upon similar ranges used during World War II. Locations of the ranges were verified by the Archives Search Report Team. Engineering drawings and historical aerial photographs verified World War II era usage and the physical locations of the various targets.

Bomb target No. 1 is a circular target located in the northern portion of Hammond BGR. Munitions used at this Munitions Response Site (MRS) include 100 pound general purpose bombs. Bomb target No. 2 is a circular target located in the eastern central portion of Hammond BGR. Munitions used at this MRS include 3, 4.5, and 100 pound practice bombs and spotting charges. The gunnery range is a rectangular shaped range located in the eastern portion of Hammond BGR, partially overlapping the northern portion of the rifle range MRS. Munitions used at this MRS include .50 caliber machine gun ammunition and general small arms ammunition. The multiple use target is wedge shaped and travels eastward through the central and northern portions of Hammond BGR. Munitions used at this MRS include 100 pound practice bombs, 2.25 inch practice rockets, spotting charges, .50 caliber machine gun ammunition, and general small arms ammunition. The rifle range is rectangular shaped and located in the eastern portion of Hammond BGR MRS. Munitions used at this MRS included general small arms ammunition.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — In 2008, four samples reported no detection.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.